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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT:STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

1. THE FOLLOWING Q AND A IS EXCERPTED FROM THE JAN. 24
PRESS BRIEFING:

Q: DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANY STATEMENT ON THE
SITUATION REGARDING THE RHODESIAN TALKS, PARTICULARLY IN
LIGHT OF THE APPARENT REFUSAL OF MR. SMITH TO CONTINUE
AT PRESENT?

A: WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND
ARE ASSESSING THE CURRENT STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
ACHIEVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOR RHODESIA IS CERTAINLY
A DIFFICULT MATTER. DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, THE
SEARCH FOR A SETTLEMENT HAS NOT ENDED; AND IN COOPERATION
WITH ALL THE PARTIES, WE WILL WORK FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSI-
TION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA.

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Q: DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THE COOPERATION OF ALL PARTIES?

A: I THINK THAT IS PART OF THE SEARCH AND THE NEGOTIATING
PROCESS, TO ASSURE THE COOPERATION AND TO DO WHAT
WE CAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINDING OF A SOLUTION.

Q: YOU ARE SEEKING THE COOPERATION, YOU DON'T HAVE IT?

A: WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN COOPERATION, IN SO FAR AS WE ARE ABLE, WITH ALL THE PARTIES IN ORDER TO FIND A WAY TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL TRANSITION.

Q: CAN I GO BACK TO RHODESIA? YOUR STATEMENT, WAS THAT IN THE ABSTRACT, ABOUT "THE SEARCH FOR A SETTLEMENT HAS NOT ENDED," OR DO YOU HAVE SOME INFORMATION THAT WE ARE UNAWARE OF THAT THE RHODESIAN TALKS IN GENEVA HAVE ABOUT COLLAPSED?

A: I WOULD SAY THAT IS A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE; IT DOESN'T REFER TO ANYTHING SPECIFIC, AS FAR AS I AM AWARE, BERNIE. IT IS A STATEMENT OF OUR INTEREST IN AND DEDICATION TO HELPING FIND A SOLUTION.

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